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ATHENS REFTEL ALERTS US TO A POTENTIAL PROBLEM FOR US HERE
REGARDING THE NOMINATION BY THE US NATIONAL GROUP OF
PROFESSOR RICHARD BAXTER TO THE ICJ. IF THE TURKS LEARN
OF BAXTER'S PREVIOUS SERVICE AS AN ADVISER TO THE GREEK
GOVERNMENT ON THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE, THEY
MAY VIEW HIS NOMINATION AS ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE
IMPARTIALITY OF THE ICJ IN REGARD TO ITS HANDLING OF AEGEAN
MATTERS. WE CAN COUNTER THAT BAXTER WOULD
UNDOUBTEDLY REMOVE HIMSELF FROM PARTICIPATION ON AEGEAN
MATTERS BY THE ICJ BECAUSE OF HIS PREVIOUS INVOLVEMENT.
HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL
BACKGROUND FROM YOU ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS REGARDING
THE BAXTER'S SERVICE AS GOG ADVISER.
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